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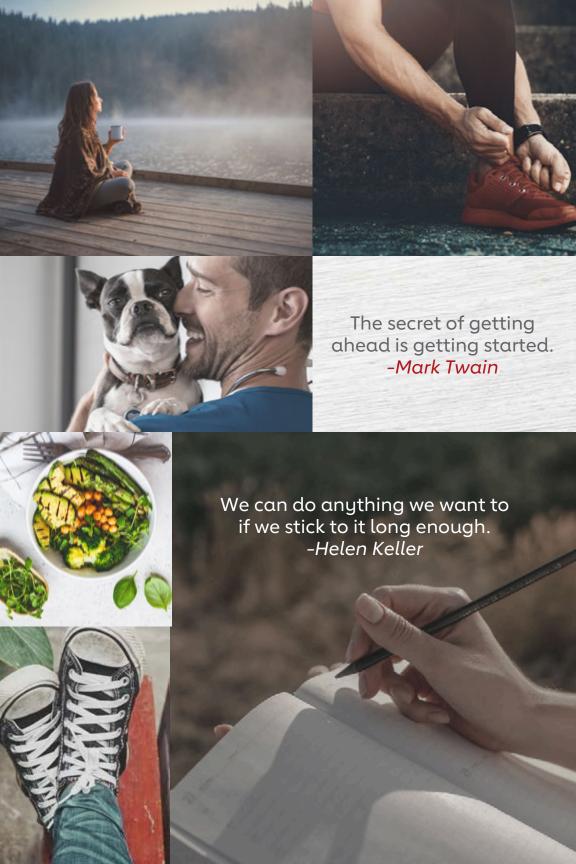


The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

-Chinese Proverb







Welcome to 30 Days of Heart!

Thank you for picking up this journal and taking the first step toward better heart health. We're glad you're here. These next 30 days are all about simple choices that can help you feel stronger, healthier and more in control of your well-being.

At TriStar StoneCrest Medical Center, our team works every day to care for and improve human life. Part of that care is helping you stay healthy before you ever need us. Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in the United States, but small changes like moving more, eating well, managing stress and knowing your numbers — can make a big difference.

This journal gives you easy tips you can use at home. I encourage you to write down your goals, track your progress and celebrate each step forward. Invite your family, friends and coworkers to join you. When we support one another, it's easier to stay motivated and build healthy habits that last.

We would also love to see your progress along the way. Join the conversation by sharing your updates on social media using #30DaysOfHeart and tagging @TriStarStoneCrest.

Thank you for allowing TriStar StoneCrest — and all of us at HCA Healthcare — to be part of your journey. We exist to give people a healthier tomorrow, and we're honored to walk beside you as you focus on your heart health.

Wishing you a strong and healthy month ahead,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Let's get physical digital

30 Days of Heart is a journey with you, yourself, and your heart. We invite you to join the conversation online at 30Days.Heart.org or search for hashtag #30DaysofHeart and tap into a larger network of support, because you are not alone, and other hearts are waiting to cheer you on.

Maybe you know someone in a similar situation and they need this challenge more than you. Maybe they'll be inspired to better their heart because they see you bettering yours. Maybe, just maybe, that will save their life.

Share what you're comfortable with sharing. The extra cheer from loved ones will push you further and may inspire others to live healthier too!

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Life's Essential 8®

Want to get healthier but don't know where to begin? It's easier than it seems! We've broken down healthy living to the seven most meaningful and trackable health indicators, called Life's Essential 8®. These eight steps can lead to BIG changes. Take a health assessment on MyLifeCheck.org to see how you're doing.





Pre-challenge checklist

Be prepared:

You wouldn't run a marathon without training or take a test without studying. So make sure to review 30 Days of Heart and prepare for what's to come. Go grocery shopping. Create calendar alerts. Visualize the next thirty days of living healthier.

Get accountable:

Ask a trusted companion to keep you on track.
This person has your permission to check-in and gently nudge you forward, in a loving way of course. Select a significant other, friend, family member, coworker, mentor – anyone who gives you strength. Their role is to help you stay the course, or better yet, take the challenge with you!

Select a start date:

You can start today, but you'll do best when you choose an ideal time. The beginning of the month can make it easier to follow along, but this is your heart, after all. Select a start date that best fits your lifestyle.

Know your numbers:

Blood pressure is one of the best indicators of heart and brain health. Before starting 30 Days of Heart, visit a local pharmacy or YMCA and take a reading. This will tell you how your blood pressure is doing and give you something to track over time.

Rethink Tobacco:

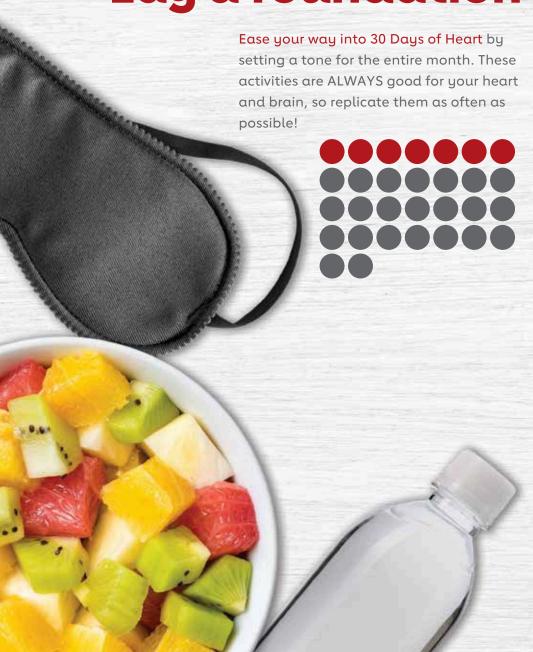
Smoking puts you at higher risk of heart disease, stroke, and cancer. It also increases the risk for those around you. Do everyone a favor and cut back on tobacco during your 30 Days of Heart. Create a reasonable goal over the next month, whether that means slashing your tobacco use in half or quitting altogether.

Pledge allegiance to your heart

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lifetime journey.	
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O More Energy	
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WEEK 1





Commit to a healthier you!

Post a video with hashtag #30DaysofHeart.

Tell us who you are, where you're from, and why you want to live a long and healthy life. Invite your friends and family to follow along and offer support... or join the fun!

Share your video with hashtag #30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY:



RECORD A WIN





Research suggests that healthy lifestyles can spread through social networks, so whether you're a loner or a social butterfly, be loud and be proud.

Hydrate yo-self

What zero-calorie liquid fuels every cell in our bodies?

Staying hydrated is super important. When Hydrated, the heart doesn't work as hard. If you feel hungry or are craving a snack, try drinking water first. It might just curb your appetite.

















One serving of fresh fruits or veggies

Let's start with one — just one. But there's a catch... it must be FRESH. It can't be breaded, buttered, battered, fried, or canned. Fruits and vegetables are often high in vitamins, minerals and fiber and low in calories and sodium. Treat your body well. Eat the rainbow!



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1.

Stand up every hour

We are working from home more and more these days. Sitting for long periods is a big factor contributing to obesity and heart disease. Set an hourly reminder to stand-up and stretch those legs. Your heart will thank you for it.

Stand up and take a selfie! #30DaysofHeart

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Congratulations! You survived Week 1 of your 30 Days of Heart. That wasn't so hard, was it? Record your successes and hurdles, and look ahead to next week.



RATE HOW YOU DID THIS WEEK

Successes:

Hurdles:

I got encouragement from:

Favorite challenge:

Least favorite challenge:

Hearned:

I could've done better with:

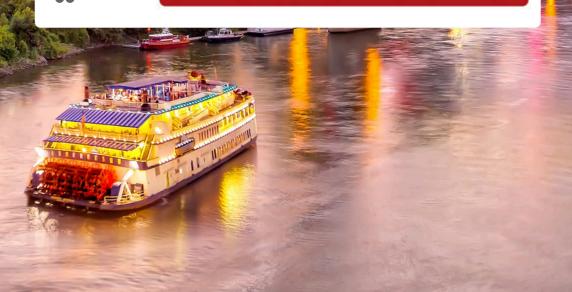
Week 1 final thoughts:

Next week, I will:





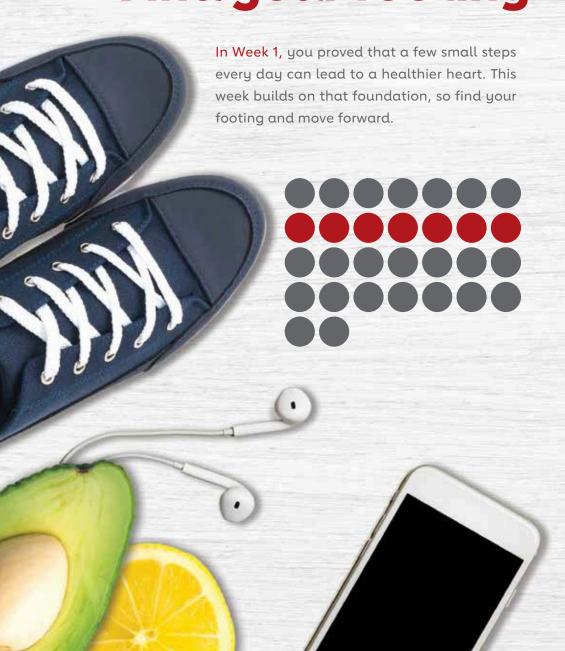
Follow the hashtag #30DaysofHeart and send hearts of support to strangers!



WEEK 2



Find your footing



Say no to sugary drinks

Most Americans consume nearly 20 teaspoons of added sugars each day — triple the recommended daily limit for women, and double for men. Sugary drinks are the top source of added sugars. Give up that sweet drink, say YES! to a healthier heart.

Show off your healthy drinks #30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



RECORD A WIN



Rethink your drink! Alcohol, soda, juice, sweet tea, energy, and coffee drinks are often loaded with hidden calories and sugars.

DAY 8

Keep it positive

Today, force yourself to smile when you don't feel like it. Take deep breaths when your blood pressure starts rising. Step away. Let go of frustrations. Negative self-talk creates stress, which can weaken the heart. A simple shift in perspective can make all the difference.



Ask your loved ones for positive energy!

#30DaysofHeart

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RECORD A WIN





A little less stress takes your heart a long way. Know this: You are enough, you are meant to shine.





Call a time out!

At some point today, you might get frustrated, stressed or anxious. When your heart rate rises, call a TIME OUT. Count backward from 10.

Take a few deep breaths. Go on a walk or into another room to collect your thoughts. Call a friend, listen to music, or meditate.



RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



RECORD A WIN





Research suggests that stress, hostility and depression may be associated with a higher risk of stroke, so give your heart a break!

Go meatless

Did you know cholesterol is only found in animal byproducts, including eggs and dairy? It's possible to stay nourished while limiting or eliminating meat. Check out produce that's in season locally. Stick to whole grains, beans, fruit, veggies and leafy greens for a nutritious knock-out!

Show us your meatless plate #30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



AECORD A WIN





Skipping meat can help you eat less total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, and trans-fat.

Rest. Reflect. Review.



Congratulations! You conquered another week! Have you noticed a change in your energy level or mood? Record your successes and hurdles, and pat yourself on the back.

Share your biggest
Week 2 "WIN"
#30DaysofHeart

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Favorite challenge:

Least favorite challenge:

I learned:

I could've done better

with: Week 2 final

thoughts: Next week, I will:





Search the hashtag #30DaysofHeart and start a dialogue with another heart champion.





Step it up

Halfway done! You've laid the foundation, stood up, and found your balance. Now it's time to get that big, beautiful heart beating.



Check your blood pressure

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Stop by the nearest pharmacy, take a free blood pressure reading, and jot down your numbers. High blood pressure is the single most significant risk factor for heart disease. Arterial stress may lead to heart attack, stroke, heart failure and other serious health threats.



Invite others
to learn their
numbers too
#30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



RECORD A WIN







Practice gratitude

Clinical trials indicate that the practice of gratitude can have dramatic and lasting effects in a person's life, such as lower blood pressure and improved immune function! At the end of the day, jot down three things that you were most thankful for. For bonus points, do this every day.







Add color to a favorite recipe

Spoil yourself by eating your ALL-TIME favorite dish. What's the catch? Sneak in fruits or veggies that weren't there before. See, that was easy! Fruits and veggies provide beneficial nutrients like vitamins, minerals, healthy fats, protein, calcium, fiber, antioxidants and other nutrients.

> Don't just keep it to yourself. Show off that colorful dish! #30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY









Get outdoors for an hour

Yes, an entire hour! Walking from vehicle to building does NOT count. Explore somewhere new, work in the yard, or go for a hike. Be alert to all of your senses, and let the therapy of nature refocus your mind and body. Don't forget to stay hydrated and be safe!







Sunlight can improve your mood and boost your vitamin D.

Rest. Reflect. Review.



Week 3 is in the bag! Have you surprised yourself? Have you started to develop new habits? Record your successes and hurdles, and get ready for the home stretch.



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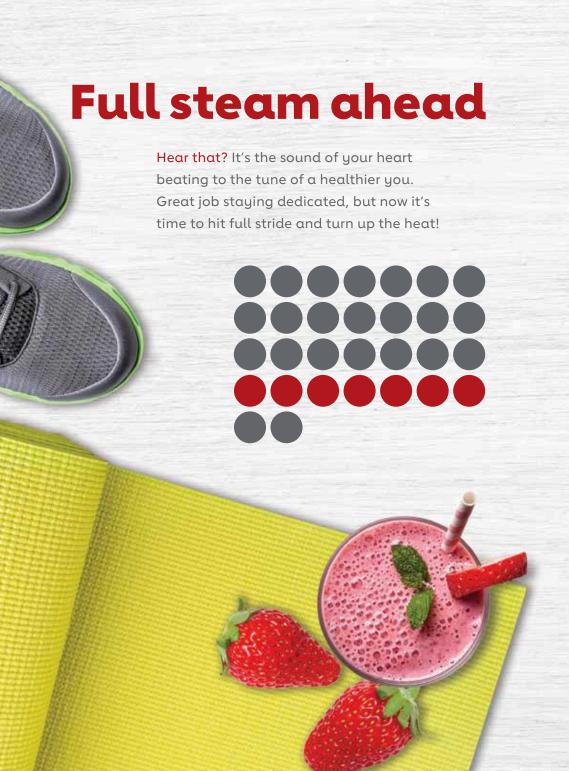
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Explore the hashtag #30DaysofHeart, cheer others, and steal a few ideas for yourself!





No added sugar

Added sugars are empty calories with zero nutrients, and can increase your risk of heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Good grief! Check food labels. Fresh fruit is fine, but avoid high-fructose corn syrup, honey, molasses, and even fruit juice concentrates.

Show us what sugary foods you tossed #30DaysofHeart

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RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



RECORD A WIN





We recommend 6 tsps (25g) or 100 calories of sugar a day for women, and 9 tsps (38g) or 150 calories of sugar a day for men.





There's only one person who's there every minute of your life, and only one heart that keeps your blood pumping. Don't forget you!



Move more mindfully

Mindful movement such as yoga, tai chi and qi gong combine postures and movements with mental focus, breathing techniques, meditation or relaxation. Other forms of fitness like walking, running, dancing, and even hula-hooping can be done as a form of mindful movement.

Tell us how you moved mindfully today!

#30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY

AECORD A WIN





Recent studies suggest that yoga might have benefits on heart rate, blood pressure, anxiety, and depression.

100% homemade eats

If it goes in your body, it can't come from a wrapper, can, or pre-packaged container.

Knowing every ingredient that goes into your body makes it easier to reduce the sodium, sugar, and other ingredients that are hard on the heart. No one said being healthy was easy!



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RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY

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RECORD A WIN





Packaged foods often hide added sugar, unhealthy ingredients, and sodium preservatives for a longer shelf life.

Get the blood flowing

Spend half an hour on moderate-intensity cardio to get your blood pumping. Break it into smaller minute segments if needed. Take the stairs. Do jumping jacks. Go for a brisk walk. Hit the elliptical. Just be sure to stay hydrated throughout the day and breathe deeply during your cool-down.



RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



AECORD A WIN





We recommend 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity every week to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Rest. Reflect. Review.



You dominated Week 4! Start thinking about how to keep the hearthealthy train steamrolling into the next thirty days. WARNING: If your belt fits more loosely around your waist, it may be time to find smaller pants.

Share your biggest Week 4 "WIN" #30DaysofHeart

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Favorite challenge:

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Search hashtag #30DaysofHeart. Like. Love. Comment. Praise. Encourage. Lift. Cheer. Support.



You've done it! The hard work is over, but the journey is just starting. Your heart and brain deserve many more months—years even—of healthy focus. Use the final days to begin weaving what you've learned into an ongoing, committed relationship with your health.

Start a heart journal

Log your blood pressure. Aim to do it monthly or weekly even. Record your progress. Find ways to track water and calorie consumption, minutes exercised, steps taken, hours slept, weight, and anything that can show how today fits into your lifelong heart journey.

Show us your journal with hashtag #30DaysofHeart

RATE HOW YOU DID TODAY



RECORD A WIN





Become a heart advocate

CONGRATS! You've committed a full month to your heart. Take off those training wheels and create healthy habits, because we're in it for the long haul. Find ways to share what you've learned with others and, most importantly, be good to your heart.

Invite others to take the challenge #30DaysofHeart

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Nailed it? Mail it!

1. Commit to YOU!

ATTN 30 Days of Heart American Heart Association

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We want to send you something special for completing 30 Days of Heart. How'd it go? Let us know which daily challenges you completed and ideas to make the program better. Your honesty is appreciated. Don't sweat if you missed a few days. Remember, no criticism. We hope you discovered simple and fun ways to take care of your heart.

O 16. Practice Gratitude

O 2. Hydrate Yo-Self	○ 17. Add Color to a Recipe
O 3. One Fruit or Veggie	○ 18. Mindful Meditation
O 4. A FULL Night of Rest	○ 19. Portion Control
O 5. Break Up With Salt	○ 20. Outdoors for an Hour
O 6. Stand Up Every Hour	O 21. Week 3 – Rest. Reflect. Review.
O 7. Week 1 – Rest. Reflect. Review.	O 22. No Added Sugar
O 8. Say NO to Sugary Drinks	○ 23. Date Night with Yourself
O 9. Keep it Positive	O 24. Fruit or Veggie, Each Meal
O 10. Try a NEW Fruit or Veggie	O 25. Move More Mindfully
O 11. 15-Minute Walk	O 26. 100% Homemade Meals
○ 12. Call a TIME OUT!	O 27. Get the Blood Flowing
O 13. Vegetarian or Meatless	28. Week 4 – Rest. Reflect. Review.
O 14. Week 2 – Rest. Reflect. Review.	O 29. Start a Heart Journal
O 15. Check Blood Pressure	O 30. Heart-Healthy Advocate!
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